Hadley April 1st 1819 Annual Fast — Year after rolls on, and how is it with my soul? — Having professedly given myself up to God to be his in time and eternity, do I feel that entire resignation to him and confidence in him which becomes me — Another season of distress and danger is approaching — can I with this burden go to him who hath so often been my deliverer, & leave myself cheerfully in his hands? O my Father I am condemned before thee — I promised to be thy willing servant, & I find a law in my members warring against the law in my mind and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin — but amidst all my anxieties and sins, where shall I flee but to him, whom I have so greatly offended? — the Saviour whom I have crucified afresh by my sins, is the only mediator between God and man — O that I might be humbled in the dust — and be enabled to plead for my acceptance the precious blood of the Son of God — Blessed be God my children are all still spared in life as I hope — but the great work of the Spirit upon their hearts, I fear is not yet begun — O Lord how long shall I call upon thee and thou wilt not hear. I entreat thee to number them among thy own people — grant to us the parents such influences of thy grace as shall enable us to be faithful, and may every soul of them be found walking in thy fear and favour thro' life, that we may all be so unspeakably blessed as to spend an eternity together in thy kingdom above — and now my covenant God accept me while I again attempt to devote myself to thee, if it may consist with thy will spare my life I beseech thee, and the life of the child and make us thine, O be pleased to grant that I may devote myself more entirely to thee in future and remember the vows of God which are upon me — Elizabeth W. Huntington

Hadley April 6th 1820 - Fast It is now twenty years since in writing I dedicated myself to God - and twenty two since I first joined the church in this place - is it not a very reasonable enquiry: what progress have I made? - am I any more like my divine Master than I then was -? - do I love him more and more confidently trust in his merits? do I more patiently endure trials - or more zealously seek to promote his kingdom and the good of souls? - Lord I blush am ashamed to lift up my face before thee - - the year past has been marked by the goodness and forbearance of God to me and mine - my life and the lives and health of our dear family have been kindly preserved - and we experience largely of the bounty of divine Providence - temporal blessings are bestowed in abundance as we need - but do we receive the blessings of grace - are our hearts enriched by the influences of the Spirit? - O my Father I am condemned before thee and have nothing to plead but the righteousness of our great Mediator - I come unto thee O God of my Salvation and desire once more solemnly to devote myself to thee - accept of my poor sinful soul and make me serve thee more faithfully in time to come - I bring also my children unto thee - how can I ask mercy for my self, and not plead for them also - be thou their Father their guide - and the final everlasting portion of my soul and the souls of my husband and children - for Jesus sake -

Elizabeth W. Huntington -

Hadley April 5th 1821 — Another Anniversary of fasting and prayer is come, and I find my self and my family, still surrounded with with blessings; the long suffering of God is still exercised toward me, and my sins have not yet brought down that punishment which they justly deserve — wonderful compassion —! I would now endeavour to renew the dedication of my self and all that I am and have to thee O my Father — — other lords have had dominion over me — and I have loved and served the creature — ever since I solemnly engaged to be thine — how shamefully have I broken these engagements and acted as if there was not a covenant keeping God who would bring me into judgement — and yet after all I would return to thee — I know there is safety no where else — and no where else is there pardon — — but thou art a God full of compassion — and thou wilt receive those who come unto thee even after they have seven times repeatedly from thee — I entreat thee again to draw me unto thee and member me among thy followers — and with me I bring my dear husband and children — O in thy allmighty goodness be pleased to adopt us all into thy family — number us among thy true followers help us to love thee & serve thee ever in this life and bring us all to thyself in glory for Christs sake Amen

Elizabeth W. Huntington

Hadley April 4th 1822 - Annual Fast -

Another year is passed away, and I find myself still in life - surrounded by my friends and numberless mercies - praised be God, our dear family are still in life and I trust in safety - we have not been called to mourning the year past - but have experienced the goodness of God in multiplied instances - when I look at my own heart & conduct, I have reason to blush and be astonished at my ingratitude, and at the condescension and forbearance of my heavenly Father - truly he "is kind to the evil & unthankful" - but amidst all my transgressions I would again look to thy holy Hill - I would desire to remember, and turn my feet unto thy testimonies, O that I might do it heartily and no more provoke thee by feigned repentance -. And now, O my covenant God - if it is not presumption to call thee thine, I would again dedicate myself to thee; receive me I beseech thee, tho I am a revolting and rebellious child - and not myself alone I bring with me eleven dear children, for whom I have travailed in a natural birth - and for whom I would again travail in birth till Christ be formed within them make me more faithful diligent with respect to their souls and with those who alone canst give the increase bless to their everlasting salvation whatever thou inclinest me do for this important object - accept of me and all mine for the sake of thy dear Son "amen" - -

Elizabeth W. Huntington

Hadley April 3d 1823. ~~Annual~~ Fast —

The long suffering of God has waited upon me another year,
and granted me innumerable blessings — our lives are still
preserved and we are in comfortable health — the goodness
of God is unbounded — and tho' I hope I have some sense of
it — yet how poor are the returns which I make to him —
I would humble myself before thee O my heavenly Father,
and entreat thee not to deal with me according to my sins —
I desire to be thankful that I have another opportunity
of solemnly dedicating myself to thee — look down, I
pray thee upon me in mercy and make me sincere
when I attempt to renounce all my sins — and say
Lord here I am, do with me as seemeth good in thy sight
employ me in thy service — and fit me for thy presence
and O remember I entreat thee my dear children — I had
hoped that before now some of them might have become
truly religious — and really accepted of the Saviour — but
I must still wait — O let me not be discouraged — make
me more zealous in the use of all means — and much more
fervent in my petitions to thee for their salvation —
but I know that all my endeavours will be utterly unavailing
unless thou art pleased to work by thy Spirit — O God of
grace work in all our hearts all the good pleasure of
thy goodness — and the work of faith with power — O hear and
answer for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ amen —

April 8th 1824 Fiday Annual fast--
I am again brought to this solemn season, and find myself and my family in circumstances of peace and comfort - The blessings of God demand my warmest gratitude - and my first and best services - O that I might be enabled by divine grace to live more to his glory than I have ever before done - O blessed God thou hast preserved us thro' another year, our lives I have reason to hope, have all been spared and we are alive before thee - and tho' on account of our third child we have had a season of extreme anxiety - yet light has risen out of darkness and we have abundant cause to bless and praise the Lord -- & now O God of all grace I desire anew to dedicate myself to thee - I would devote all that I am and have to thee and pray that thou wilt enable me to live more agreeable to this solemn act - make me to remember that I am not my own - and help me to employ all my powers for thy glory and the good of those about me - knowing my insufficiency and weakness I would trust in the grace and strength of the Lord Jesus who is the support and hope of all his people - be the God of all this family whether together or widely separated - be near to every soul - and let us all have a happy meeting in thy kingdom for Christ's sake amen

Hadley April 8th 1825 Annual Fast — I yet live to record the goodness of God to a sinful worm — my transgressions are multiplied as the moments of my life — and if I say any thing of myself it must be to confess my sin, and acknowledge myself utterly unworthy — but is this ground for discouragement? — for whom did the blessed Saviour leave the bosom of the Father, for whom did he consent to be born of a woman, to undergo the calamities of life — and suffer the cruel and shameful death of the cross? — was it for those who were holy & happy — ? — Oh no — it was all for sinners — enemies — and this is my character — all over polluted with sin I come blessed Jesus to thee for cleansing — one smile from thee is sufficient to give peace and joy — therefore while I desire to humble myself before thee, I would endeavour to hope that thou wilt yet forgive and save my soul — O my Father bring me nearer to thee — grant more sensible manifestations of thy pres=ence — that I may be transformed into thine image — Blessed be God that our lives are still continued — none of our dear family I trust have been numbered with the dead — and our third child who a year ago was the occa[sion of] great anguish to us — has again returned, and pursuing a regular business — I would notice O my heavenly Father thy hand in which was so evidently displayed in this event — did I not beseech thee to influence his mind? — thou hast granted me the desire of my heart in this respects O let me never cease praying for the salvation of my

my own soul and that of my children — I have endeavoured, tho' alas too faintly, to plead for their blessing — but still thou dost not give me the desire of my heart — be pleased to make me more earnest in my petitions, and more diligent in my endeavours — that we may not at last be found among those who shall be destroyed from the presence of the Lord and the glory of his power — Most gracious God wilt thou assist me once more to make a solemn surrender of myself to thee — I have revolted from thee, disregarded the obligations I ~~laid~~ myself under, & thus forfeited all claim to mercy — but pity me & accept me — when I attempt to say I am thine and I desire to be thine forever —.

A year ago our dear Catherine was afflicted with a dangerous illness — but God blessed the means used and restored her to health — ~~the~~ About the same ~~time~~ 12 May our oldest daughter was married to Mr Fisher of Oswego — and took up her residence there — During the last winter our oldest son has become very much ~~un~~ unwell with nervous complaints, in consequence of too much confinement and application to study, he is now much better — I too ~~have~~ was been visited with severe and dangerous sickness in December — but the Lord graciously restored me to health — for which I would render sincere thanks — I think I can truly say in all my difficulties I have sought a sanctified improvement

of my troubles — tho' doubtless mixed with much selfishness and unbelief — — wilt thou O Lord be pleased this year to grant us spiritual blessings — I would not ask with importunity any earthly good, but I would beseech thee for Jesus sake to make all this dear family partak=en of thy grace — that whenever we shall be removed from this world we may all be again united in thy presence and service to ascribe glory and honour thanksgiving and praise to him that sitteth on the throne and to the Lamb forever — and ever — amen —

Hadley April 6th 1826 — Annual fast —

The season again returns, which I have improved in dedicating myself renewedly to my Maker & Redeemer — and I would here in this secret place and on my knees, O thou Great and glorious God once more entreat thee to accept of thy unworthy but returning child — should I depend upon my own worth or services for acceptance, I know my case would be hopeless — but Glory to God in the highest, he hath given his son to die for sinners and he hath exalted him to be a prince and a Saviour to give repentance to Israel and remission of sins — and with all my sins and discouragements I would approach the mercy seat and plead for pardon and acceptance — when I look upon my past life I blush and am ashamed, and when I resolve for the future I do it with fear and trembling —

thou O Lord knowest my difficulties and discouragements — pity me I beseech thee and grant thee abundant supplies of thy Spirit which I so greatly need — in cases of doubt & perplexity grant me thy guidance & suffer me not in any way to dishonour thee or injure my own soul or the souls of others — life is fast wearing away and death may be near; O help me to live nearer to thee, and to become more weaned from the world make me more faithful and serious, let me more frequently discourse upon religious things and may I be more heavenly minded — and thus unworthy as I am I may be employed as an instrument of good to others — — and now O my Father, to thee and to Jesus Christ thy Son would I commit my self the few remaining days of my life beseeching to grant me thy assistance in employing all my powers and faculties for thy glory so that living or dying I may be thine — O hear and answer my poor petitions for my dear children and let not one of these precious souls who have been dedicated to thee in baptism, fail of the blessing purchased by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to whom be glory and honour forever amen —

Elizabeth W. Huntington

Hadley April 5th 1827 Annual Fast—

While this hand continues to move, I would continue, at this season, to renew the dedication of myself to my Father in ~~in~~ heaven— though sensible of base ingratitude, forgetfulness of God, worldliness of mind, and innumerable other sins flowing from the corrupt fountain of my heart, yet I would return to my rightful sovereign I would humble myself for all my sins, and plead for pardon thro' the blood of Jesus Christ, who is, emphatically the sinner's friend— to this blood I come for cleansing, and peace which none but Christ can give— The bounties of Divine providence are surrounding me, in rich profusion; our lives are still preserved and we all enjoy health— and nothing seems wanting but a heart to love God supremely and to serve him with greater fidelity— O my Father while my life is continued employ me in thy service, help me to realize its shortness and uncertainty— and every day to live with reference to the final account. Continue the blessings of thy providence as far as shall be for thy glory and our own eternal welfare make every soul of this family thy own adopted children that we may all at last meet and dwell together with thee in thy kingdom— thro' Jesus Christ our Redeemer amen—

E. W. H—

Hadley March 3d 1828 - Annual Fast -
Attended meeting all day - Mr Woodbridge's text was in Isaiah 58th 13th upon the observance of the sabbath ---:

The long suffering of God is wonderfully display'd towards me and my family - I am now growing old - and yet I may hope that my children are all yet in a state of probation - for myself it is of the Lord's mercies I may say that I am not consumed - I would endeavour once more to devote this season in dedicating myself to thee who hast formed preserved and blessed me all my life - when I first performed this duty I had no right to expect the continuance of my life till this time; and when I look back upon the manner in which I spent it, I am ready to enquire what good I have done - and almost desponding to give up all hope of ever being able to serve the Lord - but still the same refuge remains, the refuge to which I first resorted -- and the only refuge which a sinner can find - the mercy of God thro' the blood of his son - ~~he is the~~ Jesus is the great Intercessor - and his blood my only hope - in this fountain I may continue to wash and ~~be clean~~ find cleansing and salvation - and now I desire to give myself up again to thee - I desire to be thine wholly and forever, and to employ my time talents and all my powers in thy service - be with me the short time that remains to me in this life - prepare me for a peaceful death thro' Jesus Christ amen

Hadley April 9th 1829 — Annual Fast —

As I find myself again at this season in a state of probation, I would once more endeavour to renew the dedication of myself to the God of my mercies — Blessings surround me innumerable — let me never distrust the kindness of Him who is bestowing them in such abundance — I would thank thee O my Father — that our lives have been spared hitherto — thro' a season of such unusual mortality — it is indeed wonderful that death has not broken in upon our number — O may we live in future more to the glory of God — Few must be the days that remain to me on the earth — I desire to feel this more sensibly and in all my conduct and conversation to manifest that I am seeking those things which are above, where God is, and where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God — And now O Lord God — who keepest covenant with thy people — and tho' they forsake thee, yet if they return unto thee — wilt mercifully receive them — I commit to thee my soul and body, — for the short remnant of life which remains — and help me to serve thee here, that at death I may safely and easily — arrive from time to a blessed eternity

thro Jesus Christ our Saviour Amen

E. J. H.

Jany 31st 1825 - Hadley - -
This being the last day of the year I have resolved to observe it, as a day of fasting and prayer; the particular object I have in view is, if possible to revive a sense of religion in my own mind - to intercede for my children, and friends, and for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom - . It is long since I have observed a day of secret fasting and prayer, and tho' I have earnest longings for grace for myself and my dear Offspring - yet my desires have been faint and cold compared with what they ought to have been in such a cause - assist me O my heavenly Father in the solemn duties of the day and grant me abundant occasion at the close of the day to rejoice in this truth that thou art a prayer hearing God - .
At evening - But a few short hours remain of the present year - nearly all are gone, and a record of the improvement which I have made of them is made in heaven - and what my soul dost thou say? - alas, sin and folly have marked every day not only of the past year, but of my whole life - and I must confess I have no hope, but in the intercession of my glorious Redeemer, I have tried my own strength so often and found it to be weakness, that I rejoice to believe, there is a great High Priest -

passed into the heavens for us even Jesus the Son of God — and he is our Advocate with the Father — and shall I despair ? — tho' encompassed with difficulties and temptations and trials from within and without, I would endeavour to be constantly looking to Jesus — I desire to plead his righteousness and his only — and in this spotless robe may I be accepted — but O my Father, there are others for whom I feel the sincerest anxiety — with whom I would travail in birth for them, that Christ may be formed within them — O Lord how long shall I call upon thee and thou wilt not hear — O arise in thy power and in thy wonderful condescension, and make them thy willing and obedient children — is there not bread enough in my Fathers house and to spare ? — I beseech thee let them not perish with hunger turn thou them and they will be turned, draw them and they will run after thee — impress the minds of all this family with a solemn sense of the importance of time, & the necessity of speedily securing the blessings of the great salvation; deny us what thou wilt for the present life but I beseech thee deny us not the blessings of the new and ever lasting covenant — thro' Jesus Christ our Lord —

Hadley Jan.y 7th 1826 I have been preserv'd another week, and have been assisted in some measure, to attend to the duties which I have before neglected -- & tho' covered with sin, I once more look upward dear Father to thy throne, thro' thy Redeemer's blood -

during the last week - we have been informed of the death of Rufus Huntington - he died far from his friends and family - and without any relation to attend him in the last sad scene how keen must be the anguish which his parents feel -- O give them a heart to say O God thy will be done - and may all the mourning friends be assisted in making a wise improvement of this afflictive providence

yesterday we visited at Doctor Lyman's Hatfield - a very pleasant time - the good man seems to be failing - he is seventy six years old - and is able to preach yet - may God shine upon his soul in his last days and make him happy with a sense of divine things -- so that when absent with from the body, he may be present with the Lord - Charles has been home this evening with a Mr. Paine - my heart mourns over his forgetfulness of eternity - his I fear he has not that reverence for the sabbath his maker, and the ordinances of religion which he ought to have - O my Father, make him and all my children willing I pray thee in the day of thy power

Saturday evening Feby 4th 1826 - This is my birth day forty seven years I have been a pilgrim in this world - about thirty I have been a member of the visible church - but whether I have ever been adopted into the family of God is best known to him who searches the heart - some have said I had no right to the name or the privileges of a christian - and have thus denied me a place at the communion table but tho' cut off by my fellow creatures, bless be God there is a mercy seat from which they cannot banish me, nothing but my own backwardness can drive me thence - I endeavour to search my own heart, and tho' I find much ah how much indeed, to mourn over, still I must pray, and I do ever esteem it the greatest privilege, to pour out my heart before God - and I would acknowledge, the great goodness of God in giving me at times, as I hope some nearness of access to his mercy seat - I look back upon my past life and feel astonished at the forbearance of God - he has loaded me with blessings - he has carried me thro pain and sickness and provided me all along with the necessaries and comforts of life - and yet how frequently do I indulge murmuring thoughts - if not directly against God - against

his dealings and the instruments he uses to
try me — what tho' I am wounded in the
part I least expected — & disappointed in my
hopes — still is it right complain and let
my evil passions disturb the peace of others
O my Father I have sinned, I am condemned
yet O be pleased to hear me in the name
of thy son and wash away all my filth
in his precious blood, assist me I pray
thee in forming resolutions of amendment
and above all, help me to keep them
faithfully that I may no more provoke
thee to withdraw the light of thy coun
tenance — I implore thy fatherly care and
blessing thro' the year which I have now
entered may my life and the lives of my
dear family be preserved, may we have as
many temporal favors as shall be for
the good of our souls — O my Father the
guide of my youth — & preserver of my riper
years, be pleased to conduct the remainder
of my short life in mercy especially save
me from sin grant me grace to walk
by faith not by sight — and above all,
prepare me for the great event of death
so that living or dying I may be thine
for Christ's sake amen —

Hadley March 18th 1826. Thirteen years ago, about ten in the morning, my son Theodore commenced his mortal existence - after a long season of extreme pain and difficulty, he was born - and I would recollect with devout gratitude, the goodness of God at that time - truly he has been my kind preserver hitherto - he has also spared the life of the child hitherto, and given him health and reason, and activity of body - - but the best of all blessings, I must continue to ask for him, and may I never cease crying to God for these, to be bestowed on him and all my other children - my hope and help is in God - I have endeavoured to plead for his precious soul today - and shall I plead in vain? - thou hearest the young ravens when they cry - and wilt not thou more willingly give spiritual blessings to those who ask them - - blessed Jesus, thou art appointed head over all things to the church - I entreat thy Holy Spirit to be shed down into the heart of this child convince him of his perishing necessity and show him effectually the only remedy sanctify him throughout in spirit soul and body, that the remainder of his life may spent wholly in thy service - and thine shall be the glory forever amen -

Sabbath day April 9th 1 O'clock — Hadley
Edward has just left us to take the stage,
at Northampton ~~for Oswego~~ — where he will
attend meeting, for Oswego — he will probably
be absent a year — It is impossible to part
with our children without reluctance — even
tho' we know it is best for them to go — — In
this case I think I can truly say, I have
committed the cause to God — and what an
unspeakable comfort is it to be able to go
to God as our friend — who knows our feelings
our wants, and can suit his dealings
to our necessities, and if we do our duty
will do so — I hope I am thankful for
for all that is sober and thoughtful and
conscientious in this child — and I pray
God to carry on a work of grace in his
soul — secure him against temptation,
assist him in the way of duty, and
grant him grace that he may be dili
gent in the use of all the means of improve
ment in the christian life that he may
serve thee faithfully here and that we
may all at last meet in a better
world for the sake of him who is exalted
to be a Prince and a Saviour to whom
be everlasting praise amen — — —

Hadley Nov. 4th 1827 - Sabbath day - This morning I attended meeting at Hadley - text in Timothy - Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity - this afternoon I stay-d at home with Catharine who is un well with a cold - had some comfort in explaining some parts of the old testament - where she was reading - and in recommending a life of prayer and confidence in God, as our Father - Last week sabbath evening our oldest child Charles Phelps - was married to Ellen Sophia Mills - daughter of Hon. E. H. Mills Northampton - all the family who are at home were present - O may the blessing of Almighty God ever attend them - to thee O Lord I most confidentially commit - most ear nestly entreating for them, spiritual blessings in heavenly things in Christ Jesus - save them from worldliness of mind, stupidity and unbelief - help them to keep thy sabbaths to improve all the means of grace, and if it please thee provide for them the stated preaching of thy word - that they may be training up for thy kingdom - and may all this dear family be prepared to spend an eternity in thy presence thro' Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer amen -

Hadley Nov. 29th 1827 Thanksgiving evening—
Went to meeting at Hadley heard Mr W— preach from 95th Psalm 1st 2d verses - singing excellent, two anthems - we hoped to have had Charles and William with us but were disappointed - endeavoured to praise God for his mercies, but inclined rather to pray most fervently for my children; some of them I hope are seeking the right way - I hope none are wholly thoughtless - but the world seems to engross the affections & atten-tion of some of them as well as of myself to much - O that I had more talent at in-structing them - and more disposition likewise, but how vain are all means - Almighty God be pleased to turn their hearts and make them holy - give to every one of them a taste and relish for religion its duties its hopes and consolations that they may no longer grovel among earthly things but soar to that world of light and joy, which they friend are sure to inherit -! For a few months my labours have been too great, having no sufficient help - Providence seems to be preparing some relief in a woman advanced in life who is friendless or rather has no one on whom to depend and is inclined to make this her home - I pray, that it may be for our mutual advantage, and if she

should continue with us that we may remem-
-ber our obligations to the poor and those
that have no helper — Lord direct us in
duty and make our path plain before us
The mercies of the year past have been
abundant, we have had no distressing sick-
ness, some times we have been threatened
but thou O Lord has been our preserver —
and the year has been crowned with thy
goodness — guard us against being ensnared
by worldly objects — keep our hearts from
the evil that is in the world — we have the
comfort of finding one of our children desirous
of becoming a minister of Jesus Christ — strengthen
in him and assist him, and provide means
to accomplish the end — be with us this year
I wish to begin Dwights Theology and read a
sermon every evening — help me and give me
zeal and perseverance — make me more
attentive to duty especially such as I owe
to the souls of my children and help me
to wrestle more fervently in prayer for
their salvation — as my years are advanc-
ing may I become more familiar with eter-
nal objects, and then may I be preparing
with all this dear family to praise thee
in a more exalted manner in thy kingdom
of glory thro' Jesus Christ our Lord amen

Dec. 1st Today we have had letters from Oswego, Adams
and Lexington - from all our children who are abroad
or rather who are settled from home - and from
all we hear good news, of their welfare and prosperi
-ty - but one thing I long for more earnestly, than
for any earthly good, that they may become
partakers of a divine nature be transformed
into the image and likeness of our Divine
master - Lord hear secret desire of my heart
for this blessing to be bestowed upon all the
branches of this family - for Jesus sake - and
prepare us all to keep and to enjoy this holy
sabbath -.

Saturday evening Dec. 8

Last sabbath I went to Hatfield and heard Mr W-
all day - monday evening was concert for prayer - and
I spent a little season in secret - to supplicate the
Divine Spirit upon my family and others -
Wednesday Martha and little Charles spent the day
here, and Mr. H - and I went to Mr Ward's on a
visit - next day Bethia went there, and the little
girls and Frederic went to brother's - yesterday B-
went to Mr Coolidge's - a large party about 30 -
Wednesday John began to go to the Academy -
I would notice with gratitude the change in his
appearance feelings and conduct - he seems to be
actuated by a new principle, and I hope is in
deed a new creature in Christ Jesus - Lord perfect
thy work if thou hast begun it - and begin and
carry it on I earnestly beseech thee in every
soul of this dear family - thro' Jesus Christ our
Lord. amen -

Sabbath day - Dec. 9th 1827 - very rainy all day - Edward John and Theophilus went to Hatfield, the rest of us all stay'd at home - I have been reading Dwights Theology - spent some time this afternoon in endeavouring to plead for my children and family - had some freedom - and comfort - but have reason to complain of stupidity and deadness of mind - forgive O Lord all my sins - and assist me in those duties which I am so prone to neglect - save me from my easily besetting sin - and be with us to direct and assist us in all the labours and duties of this week - may we all be in thy fear serve thee faithfully while we live - that so we may be prepared for thy presence and glory, thro Jesus Christ our Redeemer amen -

Saturday evening - Dec. 15th Had letters from Adams and Lexington today Charles and Helen well - William is well, but expecting to be home this evening "Providence permitting" - how gratifying is every expression of this kind from our children - O Lord make them all wholly thine - - Wednesday afternoon drank tea at brothers with Mr Hitchcock - the little girls visited at Mr Woodbridge's, and when Bethia returned from carrying them down she brought up Terzah White - who left us this afternoon - Thursday we drank tea at Mr Hodges - and our children began to attend

singing school -- I have great reason to be
thankful for all the mercies of the week
past, especially for the harmony which has
prevailed - my seasons of retirement have
been somewhat interrupted - which has occa
=sioned dullness -- ~~but~~ this teaches me how
necessary prayer is to spiritual life - Lord
make me more attentive to this duty; and
more liberal in bestowing upon the needy
the comforts of life - help me also to speak
a word in season to those with whom I have
intercourse and thus make me an instrument
of good to many - Tuesday morning we went
to Northampton call'd at Mr Mills'; found
him as comfortable as usual - did several
errands and returned early in the evening - thus
the Lord carries out brings us in - loads us
all with benefits - and above all holds out
to us the hopes of heaven thro' his Son, may
we all be fitted for that blessed state & to thy
name shall be the glory forever amen —
Saturday evening - Dec. 22d 1827 How uncertain are all
our hopes and pleasures - our son came home to us
as we thought to make us a pleasant visit - but
before he had been with us three days - his
father and I both had sufficient reason to ~~be~~
believe his ~~infected~~ mind affected, ~~with~~ by
reading Paine's Age of reason - with deistical
sentiments were it not that I can hope
in the power and mercy of God

how unhappy should I be - but he who has interposed so many times for my relief - may again extend mercy - and reclaim the wanderer Father of mercies hear my earnest petitions for him and for all my children, that none of them may finally perish - - ; Tuesday Bethia and her sisters visited at Doct. Porters Wednesday the little girls spent the day at Martha's - Thursday. Mr Coolidge Colonel Porter Doctor Porter their wives and some others made us a visit - yesterday Mr Smith came from Adams - preached and left all well - today Mr H - gone to Greenfield - and now the holy sabbath has come - may we all be in the spirit on thy day - and serve thee in the beauty of holiness - Miss Cook came to live with us, moved her furniture wednesday - may she be a blessing to us and we be beneficial to her -

Dec. 29th 1827 - Last sabbath - Mr Woodbridge preached went to meeting all day from these upon loving our neighbours as ourselves - Monday evening Deacon Dickinson and Maria and little William spent here in a very friendly way - Tuesday Bethia had all her acquaintances to visit them - at

March 16th - Last ~~wednes~~ monday went to
see Mitty with Catherine - Evening quite
poorly - wednesday Mr H- B- and C
went to Northampton - brought a letter
from William intended to leave N-Y - on
friday for Oswego - Friday the two Mrs
Hitchcocks spent the day here - Charles
came to tea - yesterday a very deep
snow - today went to meeting down
town heard Mr Waterbury who exchanged
with Mr Wood - - in the morning he
preached upon faith there are three
kinds historical traditionary, and
saving - preached well - this afternoon
upon the general judgment - Because
he hath appointed a day in which
he will judge &c a most solemn &
important subject - I pray earnestly
that it might be profitable to all &
particularly I pray that this family
may seriously impressed with it and that
we may all be preparing to meet our Judge

have -

is

Sabbath evening March 9th

This morning attended meeting at Had[ley]
Mr W. preached from these words Be
ye perfect as your Father in heaven
is perfect & there is not a just
man upon earth that doeth good &
sinneth not - stayed at home in the
afternoon - Abby went in my room
Wednesday had a letter from William
just got to New York - I bear him
on my heart daily at the throne
of grace as well as all my dear
family - let not one be left to per-
ish in sin among the various opin-
ions that prevail - O Lord help
us to discern the truth, and
cleaving to thee and trusting in
thee may we find strong conso-
lation - go with us all to the
duties of the week keep us as appl
as the apple of thine eye - and
bring us all at last to thy kingdom

request — may the Lord direct
us into the right way — this
morning attended meeting at that
filled Communion — Mr Waterbury
invited all members of sis
ter churches — or those who held
the fundamental doctrines of
their confession of faith — to
attend at the interesting ordinance
this afternoon stormy my stand
at home — I pray for a blessing
to attend us all may the
divine Spirit accompany all
the means of grace we enjoy
and make them efficacious
to our salvation — I pray
also for our dear absent child
-dren — go before — and surround
them all with thy favor — and
fit us all to meet in heaven

I sek after, &c — this afternoon from 1st Romans - I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation to every one that believeth - Doct. Dickinson & Mr Harrington were there quite a full meeting for us — may a blessing follow us all in all our ways —

Sabbath evening - March 2d 1828 -

Last monday evening Col. Porter & wife Mr. Price and Charles H - and wife were here - Wednesday Thursday and Friday C. Coolidge was here at work - making gowns and bonnets Mr H concludes to have me defer going to Oswego till B. Smith returns - had a letter last night from Elizabeth to Catherine seems highly delighted to find I can [illegible] with her

Jany 27th Sabbath evening 1828
We had a meeting in the school house in the Street — Mr H preached in the morning from Balaam's wish let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his — alluding to Judge Morris death the week past — this afternoon stormy and all staid at home — Mr H. read a ser mon he preached after General Tracy's death in Litchfield Thy way is in the sea and thy path in the great waters and thy footsteps are not known; both excellent discour ses — may the Holy Spirit make them profitable to all who heard — last Tuesday Bethia Williams and Edward drank tea at Col. Porter's — last evening Mr H. gave me five dollars half the money he received for wood sold to widow Montague. I have determined to devote one sixth part of all the money he gives me to religious pur poses — let me not do it from selfish views but to advance

the kingdom of the Redeem
er, and may her all be govern
ed by the motives of the
gospel, and thus be trained
up for the kingdom of heaven.
Sabbath evening Feb 3d 1828
Tomorrow I shall will be my
birth day forty nine years
have passed since I had an
existence. I would endeav-
our to make it a season
of uncommon prayer, and
devotion - may I wake in
the morning with burning
thoughts - and may a solemn
sense of eternal things rest
on my mind thro' the day
This morning Chas, Lottie &
I went to Northampton to
attend meeting, and celebrate
the Lord's supper - Mr Hall's
discourse was from John 17th
chapter, - I pray not that thou
shouldst take them out of
the world, but that thou

world & keep them from the evil — we are not required to retire from the world, but endeavour to be saved from an excessive attachment to it and its concerns — to do my duty in the proper place and time and all in subserviency to our final happiness and the glory and approbation of our maker and Redeemer ——

What sorrow fills my heart in contemplating the situation of our second son — it wrings my heart with anguish to think of his views and feelings — Lord Almighty extend to him the riches of thy grace — convince him of the danger of this course — give him no rest till he yields himself up a willing subject of thy blessed kingdom — and grant to all this family the blessing of thy grace thro' Jesus ~~Christ~~ our Lord and ~~sav~~ over to whom be glory forever amen

~~the kingdom of the Redeemer
and may we all be governed
by the motives of the gospel
and thus be trained up for
the kingdom of heaven.~~

Sabbath evening Feby 10th 1828
Last monday I endeavored to
observe the occasion in some
measure according to its impor-
tance — but sin mixes with
all I do — & I may well exclaim
with the apostle O wretched man
that I am who shall deliver
me from the body of this
death. — Tuesday W— and B—
visited at Doct. Goodhue's —
wednesday Mr W— and M— & C—
went to the Academy — the
girls stayed and drank tea
at Col. Porter's. went to
singing school in the evening
Thursday C— A— and T Philips
spent afternoon and evening
here — Friday Frederic and I
went to singing school with
the children — yesterday
we had letters from Oswego
and Adams — Elizabeth is

very urgent that I should
meet Mr Fisher at Albany
in March and go with him
and stay till the last of
May — if he were to be in
Albany a month later I
should not hesitate, but
I do not feel clear that
it is my duty as yet —
but I pray for Divine light
and direction — Lord make
the path of duty plain — and
incline me to follow the
leadings of thy Providence —
A W — is still with us — he talks
of leaving us in a few weeks
but where will he go — and
what will he do — — without
thy guidance he will indeed
be a wretched wanderer — O
my Father the guide of my
youth, the support and com-
fort of my succeeding years —
be his guide also — leave him
not to himself but by thy
own spirit reclaim him
from all his errors — and em-
ploy him to proclaim the
glad tidings of salvation

I desire to be thankful
that we hear so frequently
from our children who are
absent — continue to do them
good — but deny them what
thou wilt of the good things
of this life — & I entreat thee
deny them not the bless
ings of salvation, and may
all who belong to this
family all the children
and connections, be made
thine when thou makest
up thy jewels —
Sabbath evening Feby - 24th —
A week ago yesterday Mr H.
and I went N — found Charles
and Helen there — thursday before
Mr Pattison and Maria drank
tea here and Doct Dickinson
and Mr Goodhue the same
day W — and B — were going to
visit Emily Hopkins but this
was hereby prevented — the
next day they called there &
and at Martha's she has

a little boy about three weeks
old = Last Sabbath Mr Ware
been preached - monday we
expected Charles and Helen but
they did not come till Tuesday
Sally with them
morning Day of Examination -
I went down in the evening
with Edward Theodore and Helen
the others stayed at home
with the friends - Wednesday
Mrs Coolidge C. Porter, & grand-
mich Porter called here - in
the evening Sarah & Caroline
came over - Thursday after
dinner ~~they~~ Charles & Helen
and Sally left us - O this
parting how it pains us.
Friday morning a still
more distressing parting
took place - our beloved
William left us - he left
presents for all of us - &
~~and~~ had rather a serious
as that when he went away
& how the tears poured
down his eyes - and

how my heart was rising
with anguish at the thought
of what his present spirit
ure might lead to - but to
my Father I commend him
and I do it daily and fer
vently - and him alone is
my hope - his father has
talked to him most solemn
ly - more than once - O may
the Spirit of God bring it
to his mind and fasten
conviction which may
end in an entire change of
views and feelings - to this
Father I commit myself
and all that I love, pray
ing that we may all be
prepared through the media
tion of our blessed Saviour
to meet and dwell together
in heaven - we had a
meeting at the mills - Mr
[illegible] preached in the morning
from these words Are there
have I Friends that will

seek help from thee – to whom
shall I go but to thee, a my
compassionate Redeemer – thou
hast the words of eternal life –
I bring to thee my own polluted
soul – I bring also my children
to thee – earnestly imploring
that grace which thou knowest
each of us severally to need – a
bless us with thy salvation
make us real believers and
lovers of thy word – that the
Father may be glorified in the Son
help us to sanctify thy day
and let us find the happiness
of those esteem the sabbath a
delight – – –
Monday evening – I have endeavoured
to unite with the thousands
who are seeking for Zions welfare
in beseeching God to make bare
his arm and turn the hearts
of sinners to him self – –
yesterday I was at home all
day – but hope the time
was not unprofitably spent –

Saturday evening - We received a letter from our dear Elizabeth this evening; they are all well and prosperous, but she says nothing of religion, makes no serious observations, does not seem from her writing to consider ~~that~~, this is but the morning of our being, and ~~that death~~ at any unexpected moment may snatch us away, and bear us to our last account. Allmighty Father open her eyes, help her to realize her situation, and be duly careful for her soul;
Wednesday I went to the Academy with William, B. and F., they returned and I made a visit at Mrs. Whitmarsh's - had a still pleasant visit in which religion was not excluded

what a privilege to associate with those who are not ashamed nor afraid to speak on this subject — next day Susan Parsons and Jerusha Clarke made a visit here — today have been employed in the kitchen till almost eight o'clock — — O Lord forgive my sins, strengthen me to duty — prepare me for the trials which remain above all, fit me and all this dear family for our last change — and receive us then to thy self thro' Jesus Christ our Lord amen.

Sabbath evening — Attended meeting in the morning. Mr Chapin preached from these words I have a message from God unto thee afterwards stayed at home on account of the rain — after family worship talked seriously with the little girls — they were sensibly affected may the Holy Spirit set it home to their hearts and may we all by the means whatsoever be

training up for a blessed state
of rest in thy kingdom —
Sabbath evening — Last ~~evening~~ week I wrote
to Helen — yesterday Mr Porter the
singing master dined here — today
I have been at meeting all day
heard Mr Loomis preach in the
morning from Jeremiah 29th 12
and 13th the importance of prayer
in the afternoon from 3d Matthew
now therefore the axe is laid
at the root of the tree both
solemn good sermons — may a
blessing follow — this morning
Mr H — addressed the family
on the importance of improv
ing the sabbath — O Lord set
home every advantage for their
everlasting benefit — and remem
ber in mercy our absent ones
O be not far from them — visit
their souls with thy saving
grace — be pleased to prevent
them from unbelief — let thy
Holy Spirit guide us all [illegible]
in the way of salvation be sub

Records of
excommunication
E.W.P.H.

Sabbath - August 23 - 1828 Last week received a citation to atte[nd] a church meeting on Tuesday next - to answer to the charges brought against me - which are belief of Unitar[ian] doctrines, and withdrawing from the communion - stayed at home to day - Theophilus Mary and both went in the morning - and R - and E - this afternoo[n] I took medicine and L and the girls stayed at ho[me]. I have been reading Alisons sermons - which breathe a spirit of piety and benevolence rarely found. I h[ave] endeavoured to lay my situation and my heart before God in secret - and can cheerfully leave the cause with him - I have endeavoured to act cons[ci]entiously - and if I have imbibed errors, I pray f[or] pardon, and reception of the truth - Our chil[d]ren have been somewhat unwell the week past - Theophilus and Theodore have taken emetics - they are comfortable - as are all the rest of us - Frederic is complaining but not sick - thank[s] to God for his multiplied favours - many are si[ck] in town and many die - the widow Beth Sim[?] died last night - she has come to the grave like a shock of corn fully ripe - may I die the death of the righteous and may my last end be like his - may God in mercy check the disease which prevails - and spare the lives of his people - but especially let the truth prevail, all slander and evil speaking controversy and bitterness cease, - and all live under a sense of their accountability to God - I pra[y] for a blessing on my children who are absent - m[ay] no danger come near them, nor temptation overcom[e] them but may they all whether with us or far distant be the sons and daughters of God & be partakers of the good part which shall never be taken from them -

Sabbath afternoon Hadley Oct. 4th 1829 -
The first wednesday in Sept. Catherine was attacked with the Typhus fever which she had a year ago and was dangerously sick several days - but you in mercy rebuked the disease and it left her - our cries ascended to him in her behalf - that she might live, but above all that we might all be prepared for whatever might take place - and now that thou O Lord hast restored her to health, I entreat that she may profit by this visitation, let her not forget this visitation - but resolve that she will endeavour to live to thy service - and may we all feel how great are our obligations to glorify and serve thee. Whiting has gone to College - how he will be supported seems to be quite uncertain - but the Lord can provide the means, if it is his will that he should stay - and if it is not it will be well - Mary attends school in Northampton, boards at Mrs Mills - and William Mills boards here and goes to the academy - an arrangement quite to our advantage - Edward expects to go to New York this week - the Lord protect guide and bless him, and return him in safety - I have been at home all day Bethia and Theodore went to meeting at Hadley this morning - this afternoon B - M - and T - went to Northampton - to hear Mr Thayer - he and Mr Hall's brother - drank tea here Friday with Wolcott Porter of New York - and Mr Dwight the Preceptor. Yesterday Charles and Helen made us a visit with Mr Le Branch - and Mr Brown - I beseech thee O Lord to be with us this week preserve our lives and health, keep us especially from sin - and assist me I pray thee to be more serious in my conversation more frequently to make observations which may lead to religious thoughts and feelings - forgive all our sins guide assist and bless us - this week and thro' life thro' Jesus

Hadley Nov. 22d It is very rainy - and the family have been at home, excepting Edward and Theophilus, who - with Hezekiah went to Hatfield in the morning, and Edward and Theophilus who went to the mills this afternoon. I have been reading Mr. Knight on the Epistle to the Romans - I have been thinking of some plan to engage the attention of the children in stu=dying the Bible hope the Spirit of God direct and assist me - I acknowledge my deficiency with regard to daily constant religious instruction by this I do not mean intruding serious discussion of religious topics upon all occasions - but I would have the blessed art of introducing useful serious observations, and from common events to draw some instruction upon - Lord help me in this duty. - -

We have lately heard that Elizabeth, and her children expect to be here about the last of this month; in consequence of which Mrs Mormer has gone to West=Hampton to spend the winter with her aunt Hale - Theophilus after she left us asked what I thot she was sent here for - without doubt there was a Providence in it - and if I have failed in my treatment of her, or my feelings toward her, of doing my duty I pray for pardon - forgive me all my sins - and fashion me according to thine image - - Mr mr Hezekiah hex xx is in the store helping Edward, boards here. may he learn some thing of religion, while here - we had a letter from Whiting last week - appears to be well, I pray that he may be kept from imbibing any false opinions - and that he may be enabled to preach the truth with fidelity and zeal - fit all this family for the joyful occasion of thanks giving - and let our hearts be impressed with a sense of this good ... and our offerings be acceptable thro Jesus Christ

Nov. 29th Thanksgiving is over - we kept it at home, and without company excepting Charles and Helen, who came over wednesday afternoon, and returned after breakfast next morning - - Tuesday evening we were informed by a letter from Elizabeth that she had concluded not to defer her visit to us till next summer - - tho' greatly disappointed I would not murmur - some good may result and some unforeseen evil may be prevented, the Lord is wise and good and I would acquiesce in his appointments - but our endeavour to profit by all his dispensations - I have been at home all day - raining this afternoon Mr H - M. and C - Eliza - and Elvira are gone to meeting at Hadley - Edward Theophilus and Theodore to Hatfield - I hope the Lord will assist me to live and converse more like a believer and christian, that I may not let the world have all my attention - but that a savour of divine truth may be manifest in all my intercourse with the world - regulate the temper and conduct, O my Father of every member of this family - and may we live as we shall wish we had done when we come to die - pardon accept sanctify and save us for the sake of our blessed intercessor to whom be glory and honour thanksgiving and praise for ever amen - -

Dec. 6th 1829 Sabbath afternoon – I went to hear Mr. Woodbridge this morning with Bethiah & Frederic – his text was 3d Hebrews 19th verse – so then they were not suffered to enter in because of unbelief – last Tuesday Col. Porter and wife, Benj. Smith and wife and miss wife – Mr Hodge and wife and brother and wife – made visit here – the next day Mr Clarke and his wife Doct. Dickinson and Mrs. Goodhue and Mr Henry of Chester bennett drank tea here – I have great reason to be thankful for all the blessings I enjoy – give me heavenly Father more gratitude for temporal mercies but especially for the gift of thy son into the world and for all those spiritual blessings which come to us thro' him – let us ever feel a humble trust in him as our Saviour from sin and our intercessor at thy mercy seat – yesterday we had letters from Whiting I fear he is not as happy as he expected to be – Lord sanctify him by all thy dealings and fix his hopes and affections more entirely on thy self – Mr H – preaches today at Deerfield is engaged there three more sabbaths – there the means are provided for our support – and I pray that some good may be done to souls remember all my children bless to them the study of the scriptures which we last night began to be continued weekly and by all the means of instruction which thou art affording us may we be preparing for death and heaven thro' Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour to whom be glory and honour now & forever amen

Hadley March 23d. 1828- Sabbath afternoon -

I have been at home all day - in the forenoon alone - this afternoon Mary was with me - read in Doct. Emmons's sermons - he says the sinner first loves God which is the reason why God loves the sinner - Mr Woodc preach'd the young singers made their first appearance in public - last monday Gen. Porter and wife and Mrs. Coolidge made us a visit, Mrs C- is in sentiment with us - and feels very extremely troubled in her present situation; she appears like a true christian - I pray that she may have the consolations of the gospel - it is good to converse with those who have similar views with ourselves - may all our trials be sanctified to us for our advancement in real holiness - had letters yesterday from Elisabeth and William, George not very well - W- intended leaving New York for Oswego last monday - tuesday we had a letter from Charles - he came to N- n the night before and set out early that morning for Albany with Helen - I look back with shame & sorrow upon past time - and pray for grace in future that I may reform and repent - and by thine assistance live more to thy glory - remove all this family keep us in all our ways and fit us for thy kingdom for Christ's s

Sabbath evening - March 30th 1828 -

Had a meeting at the centre school house. Mr. H preached from 23d Proverbs As a man thinketh in his heart so is he - this afternoon 4d Proverbs keep thy heart with all diligence &c - Last week Doct. Goodhue and Mr Jonathan Smith called here - Friday little girls went to Lem'l Porters singing school in the evening - had notice of the death of Doct. Lyman - who has been long afflicted with a cancer - to be buried tomorrow - - I have been extremely stupid of late - Lord awaken me - rouse me from this state increase my sense of divine things - open to my view the glory and excellence of divine truth - give me a relish for religious duties and prepare me for all the events of life - I pray also for my children number them all with thy chosen ones give them thy Holy Spirit and keep us thro' faith unto salvation - prepare us for the ensuing fast - and make us all thine here and forever -

Sabbath evening April 6th Last Thursday was fast. In the evening Mr Perry came up - Yesterday had a letter from Helen - they got home well - we hear nothing from [illegible] this some time - keep him I beseech thee O Lord - and lead him in thy truth - communion day - Mr H- and I went to

~~Northampton~~ dined at Judge Lymans — it took all day — and we have little time to watch over our children . forgive I pray thee all my neglect of duty — and pardon the sins of all this family — and by the means of grace we enjoy may we be strengthened to duty, & prepared for a better world thro' Jesus Christ — our Lord and Redeemer to whom be glory forever amen

Sabbath afternoon — this morning I attended meeting at Hadley — Mr W. preached from these words in 1st Kings 8th chapter 27th verse — But will God indeed dwell with men — this afternoon I stayed at home, and B— went in my room — read in Doctr Dwights sermons — I find so much of the world in my thoughts, that I am almost discouraged — if the heavens are not clean in the sight of God — how can he behold, but with abhorrence, my sinful polluted heart — O my father I have no merit to plead, I plead only the blood of thy Son which was shed for many for the remission of sins — if I am not interested in his merits I am undone — O wash me I pray thee in his blood — and supply me, with all needed grace and wisdom and strength, that I may resist every temptation — and persevere in thy service even to the end — last week wednesday, I went to the Academy, drank tea with Martha, spent the evening at Col. Porters — had letters from Charles and William the latter still in New York — friday wrote to Helen — saturday went to Northampton — friday was Marys birth day — tho' I thot of it and reminded her of some parts of duty — yet I did not observe the day as I ought — forgive me O Lord all the deficiencies of duty to my children and make me more faithful in future —

Hadley April 26th 1828 — Today very rainy all stayed at home in the morning, - this afternoon Theophilus and Theodore went to meeting. I have been reading Dwight's Theology - hope I have sincerely thanked God for the refreshing rain - for which the ground was suffering - Last tuesday drank tea at Deacon Dickinsons; some observations on confidence in God and submission to his will were very agreeable - wednesday made a visit at brother's, with some others - Martha came home with us and her little babe; stayed till the next evening - friday wrote to Charles to tell him we should not be there monday as was proposed -- in the evening wrote to William - saturday morning wrote a few lines to Elizabeth - we now expect to set out a week from tonight with Doct D- and Mr G- for Oswego - the Lord make the path of duty plain, protect us by the way and preserve those at home and bring us together in safety to praise the Lord -- be the God of all this family and bless the whole world - forgive the sins of this holy day - help us in all future duty and fit us all for thyself for Jesus sake amen —

Oswego May 4th 1828 - Last sabbath had a meeting at the mills - Mr H- preached - in the evening Mary & I left

the dear family and went to North-- n - to take the stage next morning - Mr H - and Theophilus went with us - slept none that night - went to Albany next day Tuesday to Skenecty, and on in the boat towards Little Falls - wednesday reached Utica about two - left there at 7 - reached Syracuse about one - thursday - stayed there till next morning and came on thro' a hideous road to Oswego - where we arrived before dark - our journey was quite prosperous - some circumstances peculiarly denoting providential care - I had a severe blow in my face with the side of the waggon the last day of our journey occasioned by the roughness road but on the whole we have great reason to speak of the goodness of God - and say hitherto the Lord hath helped us - Elizabeth is quite unwell may the Lord carry her safely thro' her trial and make all things work for her good - I pray that my visit here may not be wholly without use, but with these I have afresh one in some way to further the spiritual welfare of this family stayed at home all day; many went in the morning - hope to get healed and return soon but above all we all so improve the means of grace and the events of Providence that whenever our departure shall take place - we may be received to thy kingdom - remember all my dear family suffer not one to neglect the great salvation but help us all so to live here, that we may all be prepared to meet and dwell together in thy presence thro' Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer amen -

May 11th Oswego - Sabbath day - I have been at meeting all day - with Mr F - W -, and M - in the morning, she felt unwell and stayed at home in the afternoon Mr Abell preached in the morning upon building on a rock and on the sand - or on hearing and doing the words of Christ - this afternoon on the atonement - I have had more fixed attention to the duties of the sabbath than usual - - and had more freedom in prayer than usual - for this I would bless my Father - and his Son Jesus C. the week past we have been made glad with the arrival of W -, and letters from home - we have also had our anxieties awakened with res to E - but I desire to come with this and every burden, and lay them down at thy feet - O my heavenly Father; I would take encouragement from thy dealings toward me in time past - still to hope in thy mercy and pray thee to keep us all - all that belong to our family - - and let not one be left to perish in sin - our circumstances are all known and ordered by thee - thou canst bring good out of evil and light out of darkness order out of confusion - - I would endeavour to obey the injunctions of my dear Saviour to take no thought for the morrow - give me I pray thee that child like confidence which shall enable me to resign all my dearest interests to thy wise and merciful disposal, and with these prepare us to meet our family again in peace - give success I pray thee to the means of grace every where - and let thy kingdom come and thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven - this Jesus Christ our Lord amen

May 25th 1828 Oswego Went to meeting this morning Mr Abell preached from Psalm 119th 67th - the benefit of afflictions - - this afternoon we stay'd at home - I would now record the goodness of God to my daughter - in bringing her safely thro' the time of her distress - and in giving her two sons which she may dedicate to thee - after all our fears thou has been merciful - and far better to us than our fears - may this teach me never to distrust the goodness of God - a week ago last night a little after eleven, one son was born - and a little before one the other - mother and children all comfortable and now I desire to give them to thee, commending them and the other children to thy gracious guidance and protection - sanctify even from infancy these little ones, and make the parents feel the awful responsibility which rests on them - convince them of their duty to instruct them in religious truth - and to teach them by precept and by example the importance of worshipping God in secret and in the family - and may they be enabled to lead their family daily to God in prayer - and thus may this family be training up - to join the great and glorious family in heaven - - this afternoon I have enjoyed a precious season in secret pouring out my soul to God - let me not be puffed up, by it, but will thou hear all my petitions and accept of my unworthy services in the name and for the sake of my glorious Advocate in his name I would also plead for all things that the whole world may be filled with thy glory

Geneva June 1st 1828 Sabbath day —
Last Wednesday was the birth day of John & Frederic — I endeavoured to seek God's blessing for them — but so many calls prevented devoting so much time as I wished to the duty — a week ago yesterday was Charles birth day — I entreat thee O Lord to make each of these my children the subjects of thy renewing grace — suffer them not to perish in sin — be pleased to show them their true character and so conquer all their prejudices against the truth & their disaffection to it that they may be made eminently useful in the world & then fitted for thy kingdom of glory — attend meeting this morning — Mary in the afternoon — text in the morning Romans 8 9th — If any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his — tomorrow William who has been here nearly as long as I — is about to leave — I commit him to thy guidance O thou covenant keeping God — has he not been devoted to thee in baptism? — wilt not thou keep that which is committed to thee — recall him from his wanderings — convince him of his sins — and bring him in the way which he has not yet known — tomorrow night we must leave for home — Mr H— is to wait us at Schenectady — I leave E— with reluctance and so destitute of help, what can she do — Lord provide for her — especially sanctify thy dealings to us all so that we may at last in heaven for Christs sake amen

Hadley – June 28th 1828 – The first sabbath after writing the above, I spent at Shelburne on our journey home we met Mr H– at S–y came to Adams the second day stayed Friday night next day over to – Monday home found all well – and very glad to welcome us – since that I have been extremely occupied – a week ago last Tuesday Mary was very sick so that we had to send for the doctor – the mean used under the divine blessing were efficacious and Mary's sickness was of short duration praised be the Lord for his goodness, let her mind be impressed with a sense of her obligations and let her be taught by thy spirit to improve the season of youth and health to prepare for death and heaven – today attended meeting in the afternoon in town Mr Seth Smith preached from Ezekiel 44th to 23 – Worthington & his wife are here also – on account of their interest of their father – may all things work for their good – and thy dealings to sanctified to them He theirs – I seek thy blessing O Lord for my children all who are absent to their various wants and circumstances bequest those suit thy mercies and by all means fit them and us meet in a better world – the years State our kind sinner

Hadley July 13th 1828 Attended meeting in town - W- Smith preached in the morning - text Let both grow together till the harvest - &c it is according to divine appointment that there should be hypocrites in the church - in many cases they must be suffered to remain God has wise designs to answer by them - it is very important that the impenitent should not be suffered to enter the church -
this afternoon Mr W- preached from these words thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in thee funeral sermon on the death of Deacon Seth Smith last Tuesday Mrs Cooley & Mrs Dickinson dined and drank tea here - wednesday Mr Nichols and Miss Blair drank tea - and on account of the rain stayed all night - - the next day Julia Smith and Sarah - and Abby White visited here - Friday Theophilus' birth day none of us thot of it till Saturday morning - O hear my prayers for this child - 17 years have gone since I was made to rejoice at his birth - O that I might be able to rejoice at his being born again - my hope is in thee - Yesterday afternoon Bethiah accompanied her father to Deerfield - returns to morrow Frederic has been un-pleasing some time gave him a portion of Jalap this evening O Father of mercies make all my children thy friends that we all may be prepared to dwell with thee in thy presence thro' Jesus Christ our Lord amen - -

Sabbath morning July 20th 1828 — Last wednesday was William's birth day — I thot of it, and endeavored repeatedly to commend him to the guidance and blessing of my heavenly Father — the day after some day we had a letter from him — O number him not with those despisers who shall wonder and perish — This morning we had a letter from Charles and Helen — have begun housekeeping — wish to have Bethia come and stay some time with them today attended this morning went to stayed at home with Catherine — began Cummings' questions with M— G— and P— intend to have Eloise study them — this afternoon heard Mr. W— preach from these words — and for this cause God shall send them strong delusions that they should believe a lie — Yesterday Maj Porter and his wife and Mrs. Norton spent the afternoon here and drank tea

August 17th A week ago yesterday Deacons J Smith and Hopkins made me the second visit — the monday after, Mr Woodbridge sent me a letter requesting me to meet the church the next day to answer to the complaint laid against me — which is that I have not attended the sacrament of the Lord's supper with them for five years — the reason of this was that Mr W— said I ought to be excommunicated for being a unitarian — the inference which I drew from this was that I ought not to listen to his preaching nor think of his church by attending — the[illegible] attend his

church meeting — and today he has been labouring with his church to persuade them to the duty of excommunication and church discipline — the Lord direct them in the way of duty — — tomorrow is fast on account of the dysentery which prevails considerably among children — five have died in a little more than a week — Lord for thy protecting care I desire to bless thee, and pray for thy continued goodness sanctify all thy dealings cause this mortality to cease — and let all be led to submit to thy will and rejoice in thy government — forgive the sins of this sabbath — bless all my dear children suit thy mercies to their various wants above all things adopt them into thy family and prepare them for thy kingdom thro' Jesus Christ our Redeemer amen

We have lately had a letter from William in which he expresses his belief in Revelation which is a great relief to his father's mind, and mine, tho' still if he is not a lover of the truth as well as a believer, the chief thing is wanting this thou canst grant, & turn his heart to thyself and be pleased yet to make him a chosen vessel to bear thy name before much people —

Hadley Nov 23d 1823 - Sabbath day - I attended meeting this morning - Mr Woodbridge preached from John 1st chapter 13th verse - endeavouring to prove that conversion is the immediate work of God - and that means have no effect at all - and are to be used merely because appointed by God - Last wednesday John Willard came from Troy he will probably stay a year - and at some future time Mary and Catherine are to attend his mother's school; - he will go to Mr Nichols school with Whiting, to prepare for a collegiate course. - Last tuesday went to the examination at the close, Mr Waterbury gave a very good address - peculiarly adapted to the students A week ago Theophilus was quite unwell but it did not last long - During the uncommon mortality of the present season I would gratefully notice the goodness of God to us; tho' we have had sickness in our family our lives are all spared, and we are in comfortable health but I would especially notice with lively gratitude the disposition in our children - many of them to attend to their bibles, and religious duties - it is an unspeakable blessing that among such a number - none of them are openly vicious - continue I beseech thee O Lord to restrain them from sin and grant to us all thy assistance in every duty - prepare us of this family, and the people of this state to keep a day of thanksgiving acceptably to thee and bless all our children through Jesus Christ -

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Nov 27th — Thanksgiving evening — Today I attended meeting Mr Woodbridge's text was in Nehemiah 8th chapter 10th verse Go your way — eat the fat and drink the sweet — & send portions to them for whom nothing is prepared — This evening Bethia and Edward have gone to deacon Dickinson's, to attend Elizabeth's wedding she is to be married to to Doctor Goodrich of Ware — — I desire to thank God ~~that~~ for all the blessings of the past year, but if I should attempt to number them they are more than I can reckon up — Theophilus and Catherine have been sick but both recovered, and we can approach God with our offerings of grateful praise, with hearts unbroken by affliction and are our number undiminished by death — not so with many families in this place Death has made unu ravages among us and many are clad in the garme of mourning — — but though I ~~I am~~ not called to mourn over dying friends — I have great need to mo over my wicked heart and wicked life — impatience jealousies wrath strife O what a catalogue of sins rise up before me — and what hope have I but in the mercy of God thro' his Son our glorious Inter cessor — he is all my salvation — O may he be all my desi One of the most distinguished mercies which I would notice at this time is the disposition manifested by my two children Bethia and Whiting to come out from the world and join themselves to the Lord may they feel strengthened and comforted by it & may their example excite others of our family to go and do likewise — O that God would incline all their hearts make religion their first concern — and not put to an uncertain hereafter the great work for which they were sent into the world — :

Saturday evening - Dec. 13th 1828 Last sabbath Whiting & Bethia Frederic and I attended meeting at Northampton, the two first and myself were admitted to the communion, as I had been dismissed from the church in Hadley - I thot it best to unite there - tho' I do not agree in every particular with Mr. Hall - yet as he requires no particular creed - and as he seems to be a serious conscientious man, I hope it may be acceptable to my Maker - to follow this course - At the Lords table I had I hope some feeling of gratitude that I ~~could~~ had such an opportunity of witnessing the desire of these children to honour God and their Saviour - blessed be the God of all grace who hath put it into their hearts to dedicate themselves to thy service - let their faith in the Redeemer be strengthened - let their love be encreased - their knowledge and charity enlarged - and all the graces of the Spirit abound in their hearts more and more - and may they also be enabled to overcome their sinful propensities - by their watchfulness and diligence in duty, may they find encreasing comfort and with those carry them thro life in thy merciful arms, and at last receive them to thy self - Father of mercies remember all my children those who are gone from us with those be pleased abundantly to bless with thy Spirit that they may be fitted for thy service here and at last dwell with thee above Last wednesday Mr Hall and Judge Lyman & their wives drank tea here brother and his wife - Thursday Miss Cooliss came to make great coats for Mr & C - went home last night - to day Mr H- gone to Shelburne how little have I to approve in my conduct - sin & folly mark my days and weeks and thus life wears away - & what should I do for hope or comfort, were it not for the precious blood Jesus - apply it gracious God to my soul and the souls of all this family for thy mercys sake amen -

Saturday evening - Dec. 20th How swiftly fly the wee[ks]
tho' all are stained ~~with~~ guilt - ~~some~~ I am not at all
times equally prone to indulge my sinful propensities
and this 'tis not owing to any goodness in myself -
I ascribe all the praise to God - who can keep me
from temptation or help me to resist - I desire
to praise the Lord that he hath kept us all anoth[er]
week - and that we are so comfortable - may we
be in the spirit on thy sabbath - and so perfo[rm]
all its appropriate duties, that our hearts be bene
=fited by it - keep us I pray thee from worldly con
=versation and thoughts - give us a serious devout
and prayerful frame - and grant us all every
branch of this family a the temper of thy child
ren that ~~by~~ the means of grace we enjoy we ma[y]
be strengthened to the remaining duties of life and
fitted for thy kingdom above - Tuesday morn
Mr H. left us for Lebanon - last week Dr.
Washburn brought his daughter here to study french
five or six weeks - - Miss Coolidge has been here two
days sewing - - ~~thursday wednesday I drank~~ Tues
I made a visit at brother's, Mr H- there - next da[y]
the children old and young invited - Whiting & Frederic
staid at home - the day after Edward & Bethia met a
large party at Susan Parsons's -
Saturday evening - Dec 27th Last sabbath went to meeting
in town in the morning with Miss Washburn - staid at
home in the afternoon, and Bethia went - the boys
went to the mills and ~~to~~ Hatfield - monday Mr H- got
home - ~~wednesday~~ Tuesday went to Benjamin Smith's - wednes
day Colonel Porter's - same day the girls went to the
Academy - yesterday Sarah called over here - today
had a letter from Helen - all well - think of going

down pitch of sleighing - Mr. H - is to preach tomorrow at the central school house - - what a blessing would it be to have a place of worship where we could regularly and pleasantly attend - but thou O Lord canst make all things work for our good - sanctify to us all the events which take place and let it be indeed manifest that we have been with Jesus - and that we daily act under the influence of his blessed Spirit - regard in our hope in our dear absent children - and let a sabbath blessing rest upon them; O let not the means of grace be the occasion of their greater condemnation - but prepare them and all of us for a state of purity peace and rest - for Jesus sake - to whom be honour and glory everlasting -

Hadley June 14th 1829 - What a length of time has passed since I have in this way made mention of the goodness of God - it has not however been unthought of - indeed I think of late I have been more occupied with the things of religion - and worldly things sink in their importance - last sabbath Bethia and I went to meeting at N - and attended the communion - felt my affections moved, by the love and condescension of our blessed Lord - - was much instructed by the sermons - particularly in the afternoon - upon mixing religion with all the actions of our lives we were too apt Mr Hall - said to confine religion to the sabbath - and then perhaps wonder why we enjoy so little - why we are so cold - and formal - but it not at all strange - if we would be in the Spirit on the Lord's day we must be devout every day - and let the idea of God and Christ and eternity abide with us in all our various concerns - - Had a letter from Charles

yesterday — He intends moving to Northampton nex month — and Whiting who has been studying with him three or four months will return at the same time — shall be glad to have him near us — and O how ardently do I hope that it may be for his spiritual advantage and that of his wife — means and events are at the Divine disposal — I beseech thee O God of mercy to solemnize their minds — and let not the recent death of her father be without its saving benefit to their souls — — Mr H — preached to day at Suffield — — I have been reading Paley's sermons and find them a treasure indeed — I should love to give to each of my children a volume of these sermons — but scantiness of means prevents my doing many things of this kind which would be very gratifying to me and might be useful to others — I have been thinking of buying some articles of clothing for myself — but rather feel disposed to deny myself this indulgence, that I may be able to do something in charity — direct me O Lord in every duty — be gracious to all my children particularly would I commend to thee those who are removed from us — that they may be preserved in safety — especially that they may be guided into the knowledge of the truth and the practice of every duty — that the love of God may be shed abroad in all their hearts — and that we may all be profiting by thy dealings with us here for a happy meeting in thy kingdom — thro' Jesus Christ our Redeemer amen —

July 5th — Last week Mr H brought Whiting and Helen from Adams — yesterday had a letter from

Mr Fisher - Elizabeth is sick with the ague and fever, and also little Francis - the latter has been sick many weeks and I fear he will not recover - may his parents all of us be able to say the will of the Lord be done - but O Lord if it please thee we would ask the life and health of the child - may all thy dealings toward that family be sanctified for their eternal good - awaken them I pray thee effectually - teach them the uncertainty and and insufficiency of all worldly good & and draw their best affections to thyself - may they come forth from their afflictions, like gold from the furnace seven times purified - bless to the good of this family all the religious advantages of this sabbath - may the efforts I make be crowned with thy blessing - but let me not cease these efforts at the close of the sabbath - help me I pray thee in my daily intercourse with this family to instruct the ignorant to bear with the perverse - and to lead the attention of all to the great Author of all things - and to represent God as the kind Father of his great family - let me also hold up Jesus Christ not only as our example, but as our forerunner on high our Advocate and Intercessor with the Father - direct I pray thee with regard to her who requested an situation in our family - and let us not be chargeable with refusing the request of a relative and friend in distress but if she be really in distress

make use of I pray thee instruments of her relief -
I would notice with gratitude the ease and health
I [illegible] I have enjoyed this day - continue I pray
thee thy goodness and grant me strength according
to my day - - ten days since we had a letter
from William - I commend him to thy mercy
and grace O Lord God - direct assist and bless
him - in thine own time may we all meet
in safety - but especially may we all be prepared
for a home in heaven thro' Jesus Christ our
Lord and Saviour - - week before last Tuesday
brother and sister Huntington from Lebanon came
and stayed till Thursday morning - -

July 19 - Last Tuesday was Williams birth day - may God
in mercy grant him all needful grace especially
shed abroad thy love in his heart, and O if it be thy
will prepare him to preach thy truth
to perishing sinners - provide I pray thee the
means for our sixth child to obtain an education
the silver and gold are thine, bestow just
so much of it on us, as thou shalt see best
for us - and with all give us contentment
and gratitude - - Last monday Mr H and I
went to Suffield - dined and drank tea at
Mr [illegible] - Tuesday dined in Northfield
came back to Suffield - wednesday morning
came to Northfield - stayed with cousins Jerusha
and Martha till next morning got home
about one - Friday Charles and Helen spent
the day here - brother Lucy Powers Sarah
Mariam and Francis drank tea here -

Catherine was taken sick with the typhus fever and she has so far recovered as to be able to walk about the house - this is the third attack which she has had - may this discipline be sanctified to her for the good of her soul - may she be taught to set her affections on things above - to feel the vanity and uncertainty of every thing earthly - and be enabled to feel that confidence in God which is the only sure support of the soul - Theophilus has been sick with a fever a little more than a week, he was at first threatened with inflammation of the bowels - but bleeding relieved him - and he is as comfortable as he can be with a fever settled upon him - he sits up only to have his bed made - but he grows no worse - and we hope he is rather gaining - may this visitation be made a blessing to him - may it lead him to think much of death and eternity - and excite him to form new resolutions for serving his God and Saviour & may thy Spirit accompany thy dealings towards this family and make them effectual to our spiritual improvement and growth in grace - The church have with-drawn their watch and fellowship from me by a public act - and a copy has been sent me - - I entreat thee my Father in heaven to assist me in every duty, let me not grow cold and formal and worldly but let me manifest more and more of the spirit of christianity and become more and more indifferent to every thing worldly - and may we all be daily preparing for our departure hence and for those higher services which are performed in thy kingdom above - visit all my children with thy saving grace thro Jesus Christ our Lord amen -

Nov. 2^d Sabbath day - Since I wrote last, Theophilus has recover'd - and I have been to Boston with Edward - returned in the stage - had a very pleasant visit; was made very welcome at Mr. Wm Parsons who treated me with great kindness as did the ladies of his family - heard Doctor Channing preach - Doctor Norris and Mr Gannett - as always heretofore so now have I abundant cause to speak of the goodness of God to me, who am ~~utterly~~ unworthy of the many blessings bestowed upon me - Last evening Mr Hall came here on his way to Leverett, in an exchange with Mr H - he conversed with our children respecting their admission to the church, and Bethia and Whiting concluded to make a profession of their faith in Christ the first sabbath in December - As I am dismissed from ~~the~~ church in Hadley - I have concluded to unite with the church in Northampton at the same time. I hope I feel in some measure gratefull that their hearts are inclined to this duty - may it be a means of strengthening them ~~to~~ duty - and fitting them for usefulness here and for heaven at last - be pleased O Lord to affect the minds of all our children with a sense of the importance of obeying the express commands of God and his Son our Saviour - enlighten every one of them into the knowledge of divine truth - suffer no error or prejudice or unbelief to harden and pervert their hearts or their understandings - by the various means of improvement we enjoy, may we all be training up for the blessedness of heaven may our absent children be excited to attend to the salvation of their souls as a thing of the first importance - may thy cause be triumphant - and the world be filled with thy glory for Christ's sake -